



Cadet Program Fundamentals

On-line presentation in the **TRAINING LEADERS of CADETS** curriculum
"Strategic Perspective" Block • Lesson S1

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Introduction

CAP's Cadet Program is for youth aged 12 to 20.* Through their CAP experience, cadets develop into responsible citizens and become tomorrow's aerospace leaders.



* Youth under age 12 may join CAP School Program squadrons if they are attending sixth grade.

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The program elements

The Cadet Program is organized around five program elements. This slide lists only some of the activities that fall under each.



Leadership

- Drill & ceremonies
- Teamwork
- Staff service



Aerospace Education

- Orientation flights
- Rocketry
- Group & self-study



Physical Fitness

- Calisthenics
- Team sports
- Confidence courses



Character Development

- Drug demand reduction
- Mentoring
- Forums



Activities

- Career explorations
- Emergency services
- International exchanges

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Path of progression

To progress in the Cadet Program, cadets participate in each program element and work through a system of 4 phases containing a total of 16 achievements and 5 milestone awards.

Cadet Program Achievement Specifications and Awards

PHASE	ACHIEVEMENT	PHYSICAL FITNESS	LEADERSHIP	AEROSPACE EDUCATION	MORAL LEADERSHIP	GRADE
Motivation	Orientation					Airman Basic C/AB
THE LEARNING PHASE	1 Maj Gen John F. Curry	Cadet Physical Fitness Test (CPFT)	Chapter 1	No Test Required	Discussion Must participate in at least half of the moral leadership forums offered since the completion of the last achievement Must serve as a Recorder and Discussion Leader once during each of these phases	Airman C/Amn
	2 Gen H.H. "Hap" Arnold		Chapter 2	Any Module		Airman First Class C/A1C
	3 Mary Feik		Chapter 3	Any Module		Senior Airman C/SrA
	WRIGHT BROTHERS AWARD		Comprehensive Written & Performance Exam	No Test Required		Staff Sergeant C/SSgt
THE LEADERSHIP PHASE	4 Capt Eddie Rickenbacker		Chapter 4	Any Module		Technical Sergeant C/TSgt
	5 Charles A. Lindbergh		Chapter 5	Any Module		Master Sergeant C/MSgt
	6 Gen Jimmy Doolittle		Chapter 6	Any Module		Senior Master Sergeant C/MSgt
	7 Dr. Robert H. Goddard		Chapter 7	Any Module		Chief Master Sergeant C/CM Sgt
	8 Neil A. Armstrong		Writing & Speech Assignment	No Test Required		
	GEN BILLY MITCHELL AWARD		Comprehensive Leadership & AE Exam			Second Lieutenant C/2d Lt
	Mitchell Award requires encampment					
THE COMMAND PHASE	9 Flight Commander		Chapter 8	3 Chapter Block		
	10 Administrative Officer		Chapter 9	3 Chapter Block		First Lieutenant C/1st Lt
	11 Public Affairs Officer		Chapter 10	3 Chapter Block		
	AMELIA EARHART AWARD		Comprehensive Leadership & AE Exam			Captain C/Capt
THE EXECUTIVE PHASE	12 Leadership Officer		Chapter 11	No Test Required	Must serve as an AE Instructor during this phase	
	13 Aerospace Ed. Officer		Chapter 12	No Test Required		
	14 Operations Officer		Chapter 13	3 Chapter Block		Major C/Maj
	15 Logistics Officer		Chapter 14	3 Chapter Block		
	16 Cadet Commander		Chapter 15	3 Chapter Block		
	GEN IRA C. EAKER AWARD		Writing & Speech Assignment & COS, RCLIS, or AFIADL-13 Required	No Test Required		Lieutenant Colonel C/Lt Col
GEN CARL A. SPAATZ AWARD			Comprehensive Exam	Comprehensive Exam	Essay Exam	Colonel C/Col

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Advancement

As cadets participate in the five program elements, they complete achievements, gain new responsibilities, and earn promotions and honors along the way.

Promotions, awards, duty assignments, and related topics will be discussed in depth later in TLC.



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Questions to consider

Take a moment to write responses to these questions. Later during TLC, we will discuss them in depth.



In what way does each program element benefit cadets? America?

What leadership roles do you think are appropriate for cadets during the four phases?

How do you see yourself helping cadets progress in the Cadet Program?

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